regular appointment subject to their work and conduct being found satisfactory.

HIV Patients Respond Positively to Ayurveda

2823. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated June 19, 1993 stating that 'HIV patients respond positively to Ayurveda';

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up this therapy for evaluation by researchers in Governmental institutes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the suggestion of the Government, the Indian Council of Medical Reserach has constituted a Committee of Experts to examine the claims received from practitioners of different system of medicine, including Ayurveda. A protocol is being prepared to conduct clinical trial of relevant indigenous medicines for the treatment of HIV infection in a systematic and scientific manner.

Urban Health Project in Delhi

2824. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a multi-crore Urban Health Project offered by the World Bank in 1987-88 for the capital could not be fully utilised by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No such project was opened by the World Bank for Delhi in 1987-88.

However, in 1992, a Rs. 35 crores Project to improve the health and family welfare status of 12.5 lakh unban slum dwellers of Delhi was negotiated with the World Bank and approved for implementation by Government during the current financial year.

Water-borne diseases in Delhi

2825. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a danger of water-borne diseases afflicting the people in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Though isolated cases of water-borne diseases have been reported from various parts of the city, there is no imminent threat of an outbreak of epidemic propositions.

(c) The remedial steps taken by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to prevent any outbreak of water-borne diseases are:

1. Surveillance and monitoring.
2. Supply of safe drinking water.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta, garbage, refuse, etc.
4. Promotion of Oral Rehydration Therapy.
5. Strengthening of Health Education measures.

Setting up of Low Cost Centers for Treatment of Burns in the Country

2826. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up low-cost centres for treatment of burns in the cities and rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Setting up curative facilities in the cities